

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein a length to width ratio of the rectangular nozzle opening is greater than 5:1.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the length to width ratio of the rectangular nozzle opening is greater than 10:1.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the length to width ratio of the rectangular nozzle opening is greater than 20:1.

21. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the remaining portion of the cleaning liquid is sucked off the screen fabric to such a degree that the screen printing frame can immediately be used for printing again.

22. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the cleaning liquid contains an emulsifier and the method further comprises flushing the clean screen fabric with water to remove any liquid film residue thereon after removal of the cleaning liquid.

REMARKS

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